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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

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GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure of presenting you with my Report upon the health of the District during the past year. I am happy to say the health of the District has been good, the general death rate being only 13.61 per thousand, while the birth rate is 20.74, these figures being taken on the numbers of the 1891 census, as in my opinion the population in the rural districts does not increase, the migration to towns equalising the excess of births over deaths.

Infant mortality under one year 72.91

The area of the district in acres is 32991. The population at the census of 1891 was 4627.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS FOR 1895.

The number of births was 96—females 56, males 40. The number of deaths was 63. Of these, 7 were under one year ; 1 between one year and five ; 1 between five and fifteen ; 1 between fifteen and twenty-five ; 22 between twenty-five and sixty-five, and 31 from sixty-five and upwards.

The chief causes of death were : Phthisis, 5 ; Heart disease, 11 ; Acute Lung Diseases, 15 ; Suicide, 2 ; Cancer, 6 ; Old Age, 9.

There were no deaths from infectious diseases in the District. I only heard of 7 cases of infectious disease, viz : Scarlatina at Kelmarsh. Fortunately it was of a mild type and no deaths occurred. The source of the outbreak was clearly traced to a neighbouring Urban district. The percentage of infectious disease per thousand in the district was 1.51, but these figures may not be quite accurate, as your Board do not care to use the "Notification of Diseases Act," and in consequence I am dependent to a great extent upon the kindness of neighbouring medical gentlemen for *early* intimation of infectious disease in the District.

Vaccination, I am sorry to say, is practically a dead letter in the District. From September, 1894, to September 31, 1895, only 5 children were returned as vaccinated. I should consider it of great advantage to the District if the Vaccination Acts could be enforced, but presume you are waiting, like so many other Councils in the country for the result of the Report of the Royal Commission on Vaccination.

Anthrax among cattle was reported to me on four occasions : May 28th, Marston Trussell ; June 21st, Arthingworth ; July 19th, Marston Trussell ; August 4th, Braybrooke.

Samples of water were submitted to me for Analysis with the following results :—

May 6th, 1895,	sample from Braybrooke,	...	...	Bad
June 27th, ,,	,, Wilbarston,	...	...	Dirty, but not impure
July 6th, ,,	,, Clipston Public Well,	...	...	Bad
,, ,,	,, Clipston Private Well,	...	...	Bad
Aug. 5th, ,,	,, Lower Well, Wilbarston,			Very fair
,, 28th, ,,	Two samples from Arthingworth,	...	...	Good
Oct. 4th, ,,	Sample from Sulby Grange,	...	...	Good

RAINFALL FOR 1895, AT KIBWORTH.

Rain Gauge { Diameter of Funnel, 5 inches.
 { Height { Above Ground, 2feet 6 inches.
 { of Top { Above Sea Level, 355 feet.

MONTH.	Total Depth.	Greatest Fall in 24 hours.		No. of Days on which .01 or more fell.
	Inches.	Depth.	Date.	
January ...	3.43	.99	20	20
February	.23	.13	24	5
March ...	1.74	.35	30	17
April ...	1.76	.47	25	10
May ...	.68	.40	17	3
June ...	.68	.29	27	9
July ...	2.80	1.06	19	15
August ...	2.42	.65	6	17
September	.64	.34	6	6
October ...	2.48	1.06	8	16
November	4.28	.87	5	22
December	1.64	.30	29	14
Total...	22.78			134

The Rainfall for 1895 and the three preceding years is much below the average.

I am most pleased with the way Mr. W. J. Smith, the Sanitary Inspector, has carried out his duties. Though he has only been in the District four months, he has materially added to its sanitary condition.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


EDGAR VAUGHAN PHILLIPS.

Kibworth,
 January, 1896.

Medical Officer of Health.

Table of Population, Births, and of New Cases of Infectious Sickness, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Oxendon Rural District ; classified according to Diseases, Ages and Localities.

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Table of Deaths during the year 1895, in the Oxendon Rural District, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities.	Mortality from all causes at subjoined ages.								Mortality from subjoined Causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five years of age.																					
	At all ages.	Und'r 1 year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards		1	2	3	4	Fevers.					10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
													Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Cont'n'd.	Relapsing	Puerperal													
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i																						
Ashley ...	5	1	...	...	...	1	3	Under 5																				1	1
								5 upwds.															1	1				2	4	
Arthingworth ...	5	...	1	...	...	2	2	Under 5																				1	1
								5 upwds.																	1			3	4	
Brampton Ash ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																				1	1	
Braybrooke ...	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	Under 5																						
								5 upwds.																				1	2	
Clipston ...	8	1	...	...	...	3	4	Under 5																				1	1
								5 upwds.																				2	7	
Dingley ...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	Under 5																					0
								5 upwds.																					0	
East Farndon ...	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																				1	3	
Kelmarsh ...	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	Under 5																				1	1
								5 upwds.																						
Marston Trussell ...	4	...	...	...	...	1	3	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																				1	4	
Hothorpe ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																					1	
Oxendon ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	Under 5																					0
								5 upwds.																				1	2	
Sibbertoft ...	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																				1	3	
Stoke Albany ...	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																				1	3	
Sulby ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	Under 5																					0
								5 upwds.																					1	
Sutton Bassett...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	Under 5																					0
								5 upwds.																				1	1	
Weston-by-Welland ...	8	1	...	...	...	4	3	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																				1	3	
Wilbarston ...	6	1	...	...	...	3	2	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																				1	4	
Welford ...	6	...	...	...	...	2	4	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																					5	
Pipewell ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	Under 5																					
								5 upwds.																					0	
TOTALS	63	7	1	1	1	22	31	Under 5																	3			5	8	
								5 upwds.																	5	12	11		4	55

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT FOR 1895.

Oxendon Rural District Council.

PARISH.	Overcrowding	Houses unfit for Habitation.	Polluted Wells.	Defective Water Supply.	Defective Drains.	Defective Sewers.	Offensive Manure Heaps.	Foul Privies and Cesspits.	Defective Privies.	Offensive Pigsties.	Pond Cleaned.	Ditches Cleaned at Sewers outfall.	Pumps Repaired.	Cases of Typhoid.	Cases of Scarlet Fever.	New Houses Erected.	Dirty Houses.	Deaths.	New Sewers Constructed.	
Ashley	2	1	...	1	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	Extension of Sewers Required.
Arthingworth	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brampton Ash	
Braybrooke	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clipstone	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dingley	
East Farndon	5	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	Extension of Sewers Required.
Kelmarsh...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Extension of Sewers Required.
Marston Trussell	
Hothorpe...	
Oxendon	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sibbertoft...	
Stoke Albany	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sulby	
Sutton Bassett	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Weston-by-Welland	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wilbarston	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Welford	1	...	1	3	...	1	3	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
TOTAL	1	...	6	6	13	7	5	10	3	2	2	11	3	2	...	1	...	...

In most cases the Nuisances have been abated during the year ending December 31st, 1895, and three new extended sewers are to be laid in the parishes of East Farndon, Kelmarsh, and Ashley.

W. J. SMITH,

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

